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January 8, 1974

SOUTH CENTRAL OFFICE STANLEY GREEN AREA ENGINEER

Mr. Ben Kjar, Chairman Lower San Pitch River Distribution System Manti, Utah 84642

RE: Assessment Method

Lower San Pitch River System

Dear Mr. Kjar:

At the meeting with the Lower San Pitch River Committee on December 5, 1973, it was concluded that I would make a sample calculation of the assessment based on the following:

- 1. Half of the assessment would be based proportionally on the acreage served as has been previously determined and adjusted.
- 2. Half of the assessment would be based proportionally on the quantity of water measured to the users between March 1 and October 31.
- There will be a minimum assessment of \$5.00.

Attached are three sheets of calculations using figures from the River Commissioner's Reports for 1971 and 1972.

Page 1 shows the quantities of water measured to the users and the proportion as percent that each user receives of the total measured. The irrigation period is March 1 to October 31, as was agreed. You will note that the percentage varies with the supply of water; for example, Gunnison Irrigation Company was delivered 43,467 acre-feet in 1971, which was 57.732% of the total, while in 1972, the 33,801.8 acre-feet constituted 66.142% of the total.

The second and third pages show the calculation of a sample assessment using the data from 1971 and 1972. You can compare the last assessment in the second column of figures against the proposed figures in the last column of each page. Mayfield Irrigation Company was assessed \$424.33 in 1971 and 1972. Under the proposal, they would have paid \$438.15 in 1972 and \$386.02 in 1973, based on the data from 1971 and 1972, respectively.

The committee must decide if they wish to waive part of the assessment to

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Gunnison-Fayette Canal Company. This has been \$424.33, and under the new system would have been \$320.99. A review of the system financial accounts indicates that the difference could be waived without jeopardizing your financial standing.

I trust that this summary will be of assistance to you. If I can be of any help, please contact me at this Division.

Yours very truly,

Stanley Green Area Engineer

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Enclosure

cc: J. Neil Neilson
Raymond Jensen
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Ray P. Cox
Clyde R. Olsen
Erwin Roberts
John McIntosh
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